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**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 3, 4, 7-9 and 14-17 remain pending in the application. Claims 5, 6 and 18-20 have been canceled. Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendment and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has objected to claims 7 and 18 due to some informalities. Claim 7 has been amended according to Examiner's suggestion. Therefore, this objection of claim 7 is obviated.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 7-9 and 14-17 are allowed by the Examiner. Claims 1, 3, 4, and 14-17 are allowed in view of the Terminal Disclaimer filed on February 11, 2005.

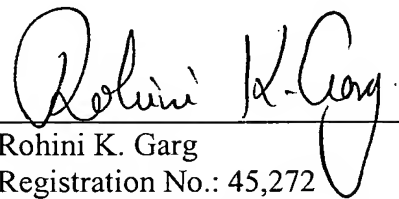
In view of the amendment and remarks above, Applicants deems this application, including claims 1, 3, 4, 7-9 and 14-17, is in condition for allowance and solicits such action. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this submission, please contact the undersigned agent at the telephone number below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account

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No. 08-2461. Such authorization includes authorization to charge fees for extensions of time, if any, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 and also should be treated as a constructive petition for an extension of time in this reply or any future reply pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rohini K. Garg", is written over a horizontal line.

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